

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Mayor Bethune gave the invocation and led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. City Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. Absent: Councilmember Cody.

Mayor Bethune said Councilmember Cody is under weather and asked to be excused from tonight's meeting.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor; and Chris Snider, IT Technician.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Formal Public Comment: MPC staff Member Stephanie Rossi presented the CORE MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 6/17/19 and the workshop synopsis dated (7/8/19).

Staff Reports:

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Report for the month of June.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Report for the month of June.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Report for the month of June.

Planning Director presented the Planning Department's Report for the month of June.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Report for the month of June.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's Report for the month of June.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Report for the month of June.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said I have a GDOT meeting with Ann Purcell in Atlanta on Thursday to go over ongoing projects and funding for new projects.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4912 Old Louisville Road): Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone 4912 Old Louisville Road, owned by Robert Aber, from its present zoning classification of “C-2” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4912 Old Louisville Road): Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone 4912 Old Louisville Road, owned by Robert Aber, from its present zoning classification of “C-2” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (Dean Forest Road Parcels): Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of City of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; 222 Dean Forest Road, 220 Dean Forest Road, 218 Dean Forest Road, 216 Dean Forest Road, 214 Dean Forest Road, 212 Dean Forest Road, 210 Dean Forest Road, 206 Dean Forest Road, and 204 Dean Forest Road from their present zoning classification of “C-2” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (Dean Forest Road Parcels): Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of City of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; 222 Dean Forest Road, 220 Dean Forest Road, 218 Dean Forest Road, 216 Dean Forest Road, 214 Dean Forest Road, 212 Dean Forest Road, 210 Dean Forest Road, 206 Dean Forest Road, and 204 Dean Forest Road from their present zoning classification of “C-2” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (2614 Highway 80): Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone 2614 Highway 80, owned by Edward Roundtree and Judy Roundtree, from its present zoning classification of “R-1” to a “C-2” zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of Council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (2614 Highway 80): Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone 2614 Highway 80, owned by Edward Roundtree and Judy Roundtree, from its present zoning classification of “R-1” to a “C-2” zoning classification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the first reading.

Resolution, Ad Valorem Tax Rate FY2019: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to set the ad valorem tax rate of Garden City for fiscal year 2019.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Old Biscuit Hill ROW Quitclaim Deed: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to authorize the City Manager to execute a quitclaim deed on behalf of Garden City to quitclaim to Centerpoint Garden City, LLC, whatever interest the City holds in the western and eastern halves of the Biscuit Hill Road parcel abutting its property in return for the offered amounts.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Coastal Prison MOU: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to enter into an emergency plan agreement with the Coastal State Prison for the provision of support services, equipment and manpower; to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GCFD Truck Mobile Radios & Base Station Radios Proposal: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to accept the proposal of Savannah Communications Inc., to sell the City seven (7) Motorola brand mobile radios and two (2) Motorola brand base station radios for the amount of \$53,988.25; to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement or purchase order for the radios.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Surplus Vehicles: Clerk of Council read the heading a resolution to classify as surplus property certain city vehicles due to their excessive mileage and/or multiple mechanical issues; to authorize the City to dispose of those vehicles which are still operational at auction, and to dispose of the remaining vehicles which are out of service by using the same for spare parts on other city vehicles and selling the balance of the vehicle as scrap metal.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 8/19/19